

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 9, 2009

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, November 9th, 2009 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order. Minutes of the October 26th, 2009 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Ken Masters, Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CIRCUIT COURT

Circuit Court Judge David Northam spoke with the commissioners regarding the state wide court computer system. The Rush County Clerk's office has had problems with their system and it has been determined that it is not repairable. He stated there is a window of opportunity for the county to have the state software implemented at no cost to the county. Judge Northam is working with the state and county I.T. representative Randy Herbert to resolve an issue with our current band width on our system. They will be meeting Tuesday, November 17 at 1:00 p.m. The commissioners are welcome to attend.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported thirty (30) inmates currently being housed in the Rush County Jail.

Commissioner Barnes requested that Sherwood contact Surveyor Marvin Rees regarding using trustee labor to repair the floor in the surveyor's office.

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, received approval of payroll claims ending November 13, 2009 on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

Bi-weekly claims ending November 2, 2009 were approved on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

Adams presented the 2010 Holiday and Meeting calendar for approval. Motion was made by Masters and seconded by Cole to approve the 2010 calendar as presented. Motion carried.

EMS run reports were submitted from Raleigh Fire Department and Milroy EMS for the commissioners reviews.

COUNTY SURVEYOR APPOINTMENT TO APC

The question was raised as to if the commissioners need to reappoint Marvin Rees, Rush County Surveyor, to the APC Board. There is confusion as to how to interpret the Indiana State Code regarding this. The commissioners took this under advisement until their next meeting which is when they will make their other appointments.

TRANSPORTATION GRANT

Wanda Henderson, Senior Center Director, presented the commissioners with a new transportation grant. It is the INDOT Section 5317 New Freedom Grant. This will be administered as a pass through grant from the county to the Senior Center. The matching funds will be provided by the Senior Center. This grant will allow the Senior Center to do non emergency transportation such as dialysis to medical locations outside of Rush County. A motion was made by Ken Masters to sign the grant. Seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barnes requested Henderson to provide the commissioners with a copy of any audits being done on these grants.

E911 PHONE SERVICE

Barry Ritter, Wayne County E911 Director, updated the commissioners on the grant for nine counties to recover 911 telephone expenses. Rush County will receive up to \$89,099 of the total funds. Proposal packets are being advertised and mailed to vendors. The proposals will be due December 9 and awarded by the end of the year. Kimball will be the project manager for RFP phase and to also manage the project to insure the vendor is not charging each county for services not needed. The cost to Rush County will be \$4,500 of which half will be reimbursed by the state. The \$4,500 will not be payable until 2010. The \$4,500 could be paid out of the E911 fund. Sheriff Jeff Sherwood will check on available funds in the E911 budget.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendant, presented his monthly report to the commissioners for their review.

Sitton presented the commissioners with a request for a Temporary Right of Way for Bridge #143 on property owned by Terrell Ellis. A motion was made by Ken Masters and seconded by Marvin Cole to accept the Temporary Right of Way. Motion carried.

Leigh Morning, County Attorney, presented the commissioners with Ordinance 2009-6 Restricting Travel In and Around Moscow Due to Reconstruction of the Moscow Covered Bridge. Ken Masters made the motion to approve Ordinance 2009-6. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Sitton informed the commissioners he has had two employees receive collection notices for bills related to workman's comp claims. Both notices were related to New Castle Radiology. Downey Insurance is closing the workman's comp claims after thirty (30) days and New Castle Radiology is not billing that quickly.

At 9:30 a.m. submitted sealed bids were opened and read by county attorney Leigh Morning. The following bids were submitted in their respective category:

- Fuel – 1 bid submitted
Harvest Land

This bid was submitted with lower number of gallons than requested in the bid specifications. Highway Superintendant Jerry Sitton and Rush County Sheriff Jeff Sherwood recommended the commissioners accept the bid as long as the number of gallons would be as requested in the bid specifications. A representative from Harvest Land was present and did agree to honor the price quoted in their bid with the number of gallons in the bid specification. Commissioner Cole made the motion to accept the bid with the quantity that was advertised. Commissioner Masters seconded. Motion carried.

- Liquid Asphalt – 3 bids submitted

Asphalt Materials

Terry Industries

Marathon Petroleum

Ken Masters made the motion to accept the bid submitted by Asphalt Materials per recommendation of Jerry Sitton. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Gravel – 2 bids submitted

CGS

Paul Rohe

Commissioner Cole made the motion to accept all bids due to geographical locations on a recommendation by Jerry Sitton. Commissioner Masters seconded. Motion carried.

- Stone – 3 bids submitted

Rush County Stone

New Point Stone (Derbyshire)

New Point Stone (St. Paul)

Highway Superintendant Jerry Sitton recommended accepting all bids. A motion was made by Marvin Cole and seconded by Ken Masters to accept all bids. Motion carried.

- De-icing Sand – 1 bid submitted

Shelby Materials

Commissioner Marvin Cole made the motion to accept the bid. Commissioner Ken Masters seconded. Motion carried.

- Labor – 1 bid submitted

A.K. Shannon

Marvin Cole made the motion to accept the bid. Ken Masters made the second. Motion carried.

- Pipe – 2 bids submitted
Southern Indiana Supply
CPI

Per recommendation of Jerry Sitton, Ken Masters made the motion to accept the bid from Southern Indiana Supply for plastic smooth wall and from CPI for all others. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY FARM CONTRACT

County Attorney, Leigh Morning, presented the revised county farm contract. It now states that hunting and trapping will not be permitted on the county farm property. The commissioners instructed the auditor to advertise the contract and will open bids at their December 7, 2009 meeting.

PERSONNEL POLICY

The personnel policy committee presented the final draft of the new policy to the commissioners with all requested changes. Jerry Sitton informed the commissioners the committee recommends the policy be approved as submitted. Ken Masters made the motion to approve the policy as submitted to be effective January 1, 2010. Marvin Cole seconded. Motion carried.

The county attorney presented Ordinance 2009-07 Adopting the County of Rush, Indiana Personnel Policies Handbook. A motion was made by Marvin Cole and seconded by Ken Masters to adopt the ordinance. Motion carried.

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On November 20, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. a meeting will be held with all appointed and elected officials to go over the new policy.

MILROY EMS

Anderson Twp Trustee, Karen Jenkins, has requested to Commissioner Barnes that the commissioners request a formal audit of financial records of the Milroy EMS from the State Board of Accounts. Ken Masters made the motion for a written request to be made from the commissioners to the State Board of Accounts for an audit of the Milroy EMS financial records. Marvin Cole seconded. Motion carried. A copy of the letter is to be sent to Anderson Twp Trustee Karen Jenkins.

PUBLIC INQUIRY

John Saxon requested clarification on the process of making the commissioner appointments. He was told the appointments are available with a written request to the Rush County Auditor. He also had questions on how material bids are handled.

MISC.

- Courthouse Employee Christmas Lunch will be held December 18.
- Commissioner Barnes suggested that as soon as funds are available the commissioners should consider installing a speaker system in the commissioner's room. He has had a public request for this.
- Bill Todd requested permission to install a metal box with a lock in the assembly room to secure exposed equipment cables. He has money in his budget to pay for it. He will get with Randy Herbert to take care of this.

Motion to adjourn was received from Ken Masters. Marvin Cole seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Tom Barnes, Chairman

Marvin Cole

Ken Masters